

# **\*Update- Suspect Arrested\***

## **Troopers Investigating Purse Snatching – Bear**

**Bear** – The Delaware State Police have arrested 33-year-old **Thomas P. Coleman** of Bear, DE in connection with a purse snatching that took place at a bus stop in the Fairwinds area of Bear just before noon on Tuesday.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:54 a.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at a bus located on Pulaski Hwy. (US 40), in the area of Holly Avenue. A 51 year old woman was standing at the bus stop when she was approached by Coleman. Coleman snatched the victim's cell-phone from her hand and then grabbed her purse which was slung over her shoulder. A brief struggle ensued however Coleman was able to take possession of the purse before fleeing on foot towards Holly Ave. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

Coleman was identified as the suspect through investigative measures and was taken into custody without incident on November 22, 2019 when he was observed walking along Pulaski Highway in the area of Walmart. He was transported back to Troop 2 where he was charged with Robbery Second Degree. Coleman was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$6,000 cash only bail.

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit

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